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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

MASAHIKO FUKUDA

Application No.: 10/708,325

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For: GEAR REDUCTION APPARATUS
FOR A BICYCLE COMPONENT

) Examiner: Unknown

) Art Unit: 3682

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) PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents

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Commissioner:

Prior to the first office action on the merits, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows.